



Town of Delmar

Highlights of Fiscal 2013 Budget

The Town of Delmar budget public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at 7:15 p.m. in the Delmar Town Hall, 100 S. Pennsylvania Avenue. The budget is a public record in the office of the Town Manager, open to public review by anyone during normal business hours of Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

	Budget 2012-2013		
	Operating	Capital	TOTAL
Delmar, Maryland	\$1,922,061	\$1,038,310	\$2,960,371
Delmar, Delaware	1,250,560	703,310	\$1,953,870
Delmar Utility Commission*	2,200,940	0	\$2,200,940
TOTAL	\$5,373,561	\$1,741,620	\$7,115,181

*The Delmar Utility Commission is a joint venture of the Mayor & Commissioners and Mayor and Council. It is not a component unit of either town and is therefore reported separately. The Utility Commission is referenced in the Town of Delmar Budget Message for disclosure and the details are presented in a separate budget document.

REVENUES:

As a result of the State of Maryland reassessment, the Real property assessments will decrease for FY 2013. The Mayor & Commissioners accepted the Maryland Department of Assessment Constant Yield Tax Rate of 0.8461, creating a .1671 increase from prior year's tax rate. The acceptance of the Constant Yield Tax Rate will allow Maryland, at a minimum, to retain the same level of tax revenue from the previous fiscal year. The Mayor & Council real property tax shall remain constant at .50 (per \$100 of assessed value). Reassessment of Delaware properties would have to occur through private reassessment agency services at the expense of Delmar, Delaware residents. Proceeding with property reassessments would have resulted in a tax rate increase for the Delaware residents; however the Council opted not to contract with a private agency in an effort to keep the tax rate constant. Corporate and utility operating tax rates will remain the same as the prior year.

Tax Rates 2012-2013

	Real Property	Operating Property	Personal Property
Delmar, Maryland	.8461	2.00	2.00
Delmar, Delaware	.50	2.00	

- Garbage collection fees will also remain the same in fiscal year 2013. In July 2005, the garbage collection was contracted to a private waste collection company. The fees will continue to be collected by the Town on the annual tax bill.
- The Utility Commission's service rates and connections fee for water & sewer will remain the same in FY 13 with the exception of the water availability rate. The quarterly fee in prior years was \$15.75 and the Commission increased the fee to the amount of \$16.45, consequently, the quarterly fee shall increase by \$.70. The increase is to satisfy debt for the construction of a new back-up well. An average water and sewer customer, with quarterly usage of 12,000 gallons, can expect a quarterly bill of \$142.84.

EXPENDITURES:

- Historically, all shared costs have been split evenly between Delmar, Maryland and Delaware. In FY06 it was agreed by the Joint Council to reallocate the cost share based upon the 2010 census population data which determined the split should be 60/40 in the Police, Executive and Finance Department's expenses. Also, it was agreed beginning FY12 by the Joint Council to reallocate the cost share based upon actual road mileage between Delmar, Maryland and Delaware. Based upon the data received State Highway Administrations in Fiscal Year 2011 the split should be 73/27, therefore, where applicable the expenses within the Street & Highways Department allocated as determined. A written agreement was signed by the Joint Council, which stipulated that the cost allocation of all departments to be reviewed annually during budget preparations.
- An overall cost of living adjustment of 3% is included in this year's budget. In an effort to increase additional Police presence in Delmar, the Mayor and Commissioners agreed to fund 100% hiring of one new Police Officer for FY13. The Maryland Commissioners made this offer because the Delaware Council's budget would not allow the shared expense of hiring a new Officer in FY13. It is anticipated that the new Police Officer will at least be certified in one State with a projected hire date January, 2013. The Mayor and Commissioners agreed to cover 100% of all expenditures associated with the new hire during the period from January, 2013 through June 2013, with the anticipation that the Delaware Council will agree to share the new hire's expenses in FY14.
- In an effort to balance the FY13 Budget, the Town has limited capital expenditures to only include 1) the renovation of 100 S. Pennsylvania Ave for the purpose of the Public Safety Building, 2) new recording system for the Police Department, 3) restoration of Walnut Street Phase II and resurfacing of Pennsylvania Avenue from State Street to E. East Street. Prior fiscal year's Maryland Highway User revenues are dedicated towards the listed projects, 4) restoration of Grove St. from 10th to 6th street. Installation of new handicap ramps located along Lincoln Ave. Legislative Revenues will be used for Delmar, Delaware street restoration project. The pavement management report prepared in March 2007 is used as a guide for the Town to establish the ranking for street restoration priorities. Annually in March a windshield survey is completed to make special notations of significant changes in street conditions that may alter the rank of restoration priority. 5) Additional lighting placed within State Street Park and a camera installation at Gordy Park.
- The Waste Water Treatment Plant, Sewage Collection, Water Treatment Plant and the Water Distribution & Storage Departments capital outlay items will be purchased through our Depreciation Expense line items as well as utilizing our Investment account funds.
- Maintaining the current service agreements that were established for the maintenance of the water towers and all generators at plants and pump stations.

Please contact Sara Bynum-King, Town Manager,
with any questions concerning the proposed budget.
410-896-2777 or 302-846-2664, ext. 105

The Delmar, Delaware Municipal Primary Election for one (1) Mayor and two (2) Council Members will be held on Monday, October 1, 2012. Qualified voters may vote between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Mayor and Council
Town of Delmar, Delaware
2012 Election Calendar

Deadline- Candidacy Filing

Friday, September 7, 2012

Deadline- Voters to Register

Friday, September 7, 2012

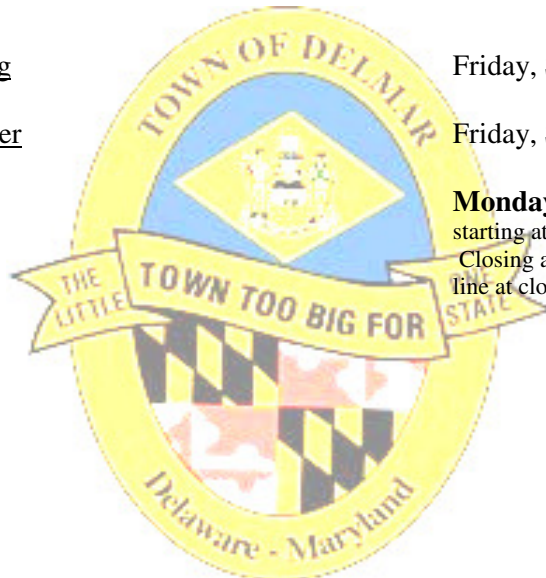
Election Date

1st Monday in October

Monday, October 1, 2012

starting at 7:00 a.m.

Closing at 7:00 p.m. or until the last person in line at close of doors has voted.



Qualifications for Mayor and Council Member are as follows:

- (a) A resident of the United States and of the State of Delaware and a resident of the Town of Delmar, Delaware for at least one (1) year preceding the municipal elections;
- (b) Be at least 18 years of age
- (c) Each of the qualifications for Town Council and Mayor shall be continuing qualifications to hold office and the failure of any of the Council Members or the Mayor to have any of the qualifications required by the above during the terms of his/her office will create a vacancy in the office.

Certificates of Candidacy must be completed at the Town Hall no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 7, 2012. No person shall file for nomination to more than one (1) elective office at a time.

To be eligible to vote in this upcoming municipal election, persons must be at least 18 years of age, and has resided in the Town of Delmar, Delaware and the State of Delaware for at least six (6) months preceding the day of the election and must register at Town Hall. Registration is from Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 100 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, Delmar, MD. Registration deadline is Friday, September 7, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.

Please contact Town Hall with any questions at (302)846-2664 or (410)896-2777, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

TOWN OF DELMAR-DE/MD
Application for Senior Citizen Discount

Owner (s): _____

Property Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Tax ID: _____

(Can be completed by Town Hall Employee)

THE APPLICANTS DO HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM:

1. That one of the property owners has attained the age of 65 years by March 1st of the year the application is filed.
2. That as of March 1st they are the sole owner of the property; they reside on said property 7 out of 12 months of the year; that the property is used exclusively for residential purposes; and that property taxes are current.

I hereby swear and affirm that this information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and further understand that a false declaration in this application will subject me to the penalties provided by the law for perjury.

Signature

Date

Form MUST accompany payment to receive discount.

Please be informed that no discounts will be given after September 30th or after initial payment has been received and processed. The allowed discount **is 5% of the Property Taxes only. This does not apply to the garbage fee.** If your taxes are paid through escrow by your mortgage company, please complete this form and forward it to your mortgage company with your tax bill. Applications will not be sent directly to the mortgage companies. If you have any questions pertaining to this application please call (410) 896-2777 or (302) 846-2664, Extension 107.

Attention Mortgage Companies: Please include application when submitting payment for qualified residents.

High Volume User Form

Do you have a pool ???

Do you have a vegetable garden or flower bed ??



Do you do boat maintenance at Home??

If you do, then you are eligible for a reduction of the sewer portion of your utility bill through our High Volume User Policy. **This policy is only in effect during the June, July**

and August billing quarter, and the application must be filled out annually.

The quarter starts as soon as the readings for the March, April, May quarter are completed. An application is provided within this newsletter and also on our website: www.townofdelmar.us. If you would like to apply, please fill out the application and return it to Delmar Town Hall, 100 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Delmar, MD 21875. **All applications must be turned in no later than August 15, 2011.**

Senior Discount on Taxes

Delmar property owners who meet the following qualifications can apply to receive a **5% discount** on their annual property taxes:

- 1) One of the property owners has attained the age of 65 years of age by March 1st of the year the application is filed.
- 2) As of March 1st, they are the sole owners of the property; they reside on said property 7 out of the 12 months of the year; that the property is used exclusively for residential purposes for the owners and that the property taxes are current.

The application MUST accompany payment to receive the discount. If you send your tax bill to your mortgage company to pay your taxes, the application **MUST** be remitted with your payment in order to receive your discount. **Please be informed that no discounts will be given after September 30, 2012 or after initial payment has been received and processed.**

The discount is on property taxes only; this **DOES NOT** apply to the garbage fee. There is an application included in this newsletter that can be filled out and returned **WITH** your tax payment.

2012 Heritage/Delmar Pride Day Celebration

Reminder the 2012 Heritage /Pride Day Celebration is set for Saturday, September 22, 2012. The next planning session will be held June 20, 2012, Delmar Town Hall at 1:00 pm. The June meeting is critical as we are finalizing the itinerary. All remaining planning sessions from June through September will be held the third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. Your involvement, input and support is important and encouraged. Hope to see you at the June meeting. Call Town Hall at 410-896-2777 for further information.

GORDY PARK RESTROOM ADDITION

The last of the current Gordy Park facility renovations is nearing completion. You may have noticed that a new ADA compliant restroom and water fountain has been added to the Park. A concrete walk will be constructed around its perimeter to provide easy access for all. The walk is scheduled to be completed by the Memorial Day weekend, weather permitting. Upon completion of the walk the restroom will be opened to the "Public" during park hours. **Please help the Town maintain your park facility by reporting acts of vandalism and property destruction to the Delmar Police Department or Public Works. If you abuse it, then you will lose it!!!!!!**

MESSAGE FROM THE WOOD CREEK GOLF COMMUNITY

Wood Creek Golf Course under renovation!

Wood Creek Golf Course is under major renovation. The greens have been striped and seeded with bent grass seed; we are mowing some of the greens now. The fairways have all been seeded and are being mowed. The next phase is the tee renovation. The final phase is the bunker renovation. Once the course goes into the seeding phase it is **extremely** important that we monitor all pedestrian and bicycle traffic. The golf course is closed to everyone until we open. We appreciate your patience as we work to improve the golf course!

A great deal of time and money is being invested to restore the golf course for your



future use. We will be opening this fall and will begin our membership drive in June. Our rates are posted at the pro shop. It is nice to be in such a great town and have the support of the Mayor, Commission and citizens. Our pro shop is now open for the driving range. Please stop by and hit a few balls. We are open 7 days per week from 7:00am to 7:00pm. Our new e-mail address is woodcreekgolflinks@gmail.com.

Delmar Public Library

HELP WANTED: The AARP Tax-Aide program in Delmar helps numerous individuals and families prepare and file their Federal and State tax returns. This free service is invaluable to the Delmar community.

We need volunteers to greet clients and prepare returns.

We also need a volunteer to help with publicity and communications.

Tax preparation experience is not necessary.

We offer training and support.

If you would like more information, please contact Leo Lynch at 302-337-8924.

Dream Big—Read! at the Library This Summer! The Summer Reading Program for kids from birth through age 18 begins June 1. Children and teens sign up, promise to read during the summer, track their own progress, and can attend a variety of programs through June, July, and August.



Programs include:

June 5: PJ Storytime

June 12: Delaware Aerospace Education Foundation makes a “Noisy Library”

June 19: Learn to juggle with Cascading Carlos

June 28: “Night Hunters” presented by Trap Pond State Park

July 2: Zoo to You with the Salisbury Zoo

July 10: Puss in Boots by the Rehoboth Summer Theatre

July 11: Delaware Aerospace Education foundation takes us “Around the Coral Reef”

July 17: ‘How to Draw Great Big Faces with Paul Merklein

July 19: Teen Karaoke

July 25: “Dreams, Schemes, and Magic Themes” with magician Mike Rose
August 1: ‘Didgeridoo Down Under” by Lindsey Dank takes a musical trip ‘Down Under’ to Australia

August 8: “Constructing Your Own Fun” with legos and the Delaware Aerospace Foundation
August 9: Finale!

GREATER DELMAR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Greater Delmar Chamber of Commerce salutes the Class of 2012! Congratulations to all of our Class of 2012 graduates and special congratulations to our \$1,000 scholarship recipient! We can’t reveal the name at this time but we’ll announce it in the next Delmar newsletter!

The Greater Delmar Chamber of Commerce awards a “minimum” of \$1,000.00 scholarship each year. Every member of the senior class, who plans to continue their education at any accredited school, has the opportunity to apply for this scholarship. Application packets are available in the Guidance office. It’s simply a matter of applying.

In September, the Chamber will be placing out the nomination boxes for you to nominate a worthy Delmar individual for our annual Citizen of the Year award. There will be a dinner/banquet in their honor, usually in late October/early November.

In December, the Chamber of Commerce will once again be sponsoring the Delmar Christmas Parade. Parade applications will be available in late September/early October.

There are several new businesses opening in Delmar. We hope you will continue to support the Delmar business community.

Please visit our website for event information.
www.delmar-chamberofcommerce.com.

Mosquito Control



Warmer temperatures have arrived and soon we will be seeing our pesky friends, the mosquitoes. The Town of Delmar has contracts with both Delaware Mosquito Control and Wicomico County Mosquito Control. Both agencies have been contracted to monitor and control mosquito infestation within the town limits of Delmar. While we are taking every precaution possible to prevent mosquito infestation, there may still be times when additional spraying is needed.

If you notice an increase in mosquito population, please contact Starr Conaway, CMC at Delmar Town Hall, 302-846-2664 or 410-896-2777, ext. 101. Please have the following information available:

- Is there any standing water on the property in question?
- Are the mosquitoes biting during the day or in the evening?
- How long have you noticed that the mosquitoes are biting?

It is virtually impossible to completely rid the Town of all mosquitoes, so here are a few things to consider to help eliminate common backyard mosquito breeding:

- Clean and filter swimming pools
- Cover or drain open boats
- Clear clogged rain gutters
- Fix broken window and door screens
- Stock ponds with mosquito larva eating fish
- Tip anything that can hold water for more than a few days
- Recycle used tires
- Fix leaky watering equipment
- Flush and refill birdbaths one time per week
- Fill in holes in yard where water puddles

To help protect you from mosquito bites:

- Wear long, loose and light-colored clothing

- Use insect repellent with no more than 35 percent DEET for adults and less than 10 percent for children
- Avoid fragrances in soaps, shampoos, and lotions
- Citronella candles can be useful when you are outdoors during peak biting times
- Skedaddle and Avon's Skin So Soft both work well for some kids. Neither these nor the stronger repellents stop mosquitoes from landing -- only from biting
- Use Bounce Fabric Softener Sheets--just wipe on and go. This is great for babies
- Mosquitoes love bananas! There is something about how your body processes the banana oil that attracts these female sugar-loving insects
- One of the best natural insect repellents is Vick's Vaporub®
- Planting marigolds around your yard works great as a bug repellent because the flowers give off a fragrance bugs do not like
- Campers agree that the very best mosquito repellent is Avon Skin-So-Soft® bath oil mixed half and half with rubbing alcohol

Holiday Closings for Town Hall

Wednesday, July 4, 2012

Independence Day

Monday, September 3, 2012

Labor Day



Meeting Dates Changed

Listed below are the changed meeting dates and times due to the Summer Maryland Municipal League Conference being held in June.

Planning and Zoning

Thursday, June 14, 2012 7:00 p.m.

Public Works

Monday, June 18, 2012 6:00 p.m.

Utility Commission

Monday, June 18, 2012 6:30 p.m.

Joint Council

Monday, June 18, 2012 7:00 p.m.

High Volume User Data Form

***APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND TURNED IN BY AUGUST 15TH**

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Account #: _____

Reason(s) for high usage: (Check off any that apply)

_____ Swimming Pool

_____ Excessive Shrubbery & Flowers

_____ Garden(s)

_____ Boat Maintenance

_____ Sprinkler System

_____ Other (please specify below)

Office Use Only

S/O/N _____

D/J/F _____

M/A/M _____

This form must be completed each year. Customers meeting guidelines will receive sewer abatement for the excess usage over normal average consumption. Customers that feel they are a high volume user, but do not qualify within the guidelines, must present their request before the Utility Commission. This policy will be in effect during the summer months of June, July, and August. High Volume Users will only receive a reduction of the sewer charge, not the water fee.

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Delmar, MD. 21875